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SUBJECT: AKROPOLIS CALLS FOR USG EXPLANATION RE CYPRUS
DEVELOPMENTS

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

1. IN FEATURE EDITORIAL AUGUST 13 AKROPOLIS WROTE THAT FROM REPORTS CARRIED IN FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS ON ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN CYPRUS CRISIS ONE IS LED TO CONCLUSION THAT AMERICAN LEADERS BEAR GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRISIS AND TURKEY'S CONTINUED PROVOCATIONS. UNDER CAPTION "THE AMERICANS AND CYPRUS" NEWSPAPER COMMENTED THAT IT HOPED USG REALIZES THIS AND WILL FEEL NEED TO GIVE NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS. "LET OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS PROVE, EVEN AT THIS LATE MOMENT, THAT WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS SAYS ABOUT THEIR CYPRUS POLICY IS NOT CORRECT, AND THAT IN ANY EVENT THEY ARE PREPARED EVEN BELATELY TO RECTIFY CRIMINAL ERRORS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AND LED TO TRAGEDY IN CYPRUS."

2. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT 100 U.S. CONGRESSMEN WHO MADE "DEMARCHE" TO SECRETARY KISSINGER UNDOUBTEDLY EXPRESS REAL SENTIMENTS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE TOWARD GREECE AS WELL AS TRUE INTERESTS OF U.S. "THE NEW PRESIDENT, MR. FORD,
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CAN IMPOSE A NEW POLICY ON CYPRUS ISSUE IN ACCORD WITH

JUSTICE AND UN PRINCIPLES, WHILE AT SAME TIME STRENGTHENING
UNITY OF ALLIANCE."

3. COMMENT: GREEK NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPUBLISHED PROMINENTLY
NY TIMES, WASHINGTON STAR/NEWS AND WASHINGTON POST ARTICLES
AS WELL AS NEWSWEEK ARTICLE ON CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AND
U.S. POLICY, BUT THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE WHERE PRESS HAS
URGED U.S. POLICY STATEMENT.
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